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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER JORGENSEN TO WASHINGTON

1. IN COURSE OF CALL UPON POLITICAL DIRECTOR BORCH OF MFA CONCERNING KOREA, BORCH TOLD CHARGE OF REQUEST MADE TWO DAYS AGO BY DANISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON FOR "UNOFFICIAL VISIT" TO WASHINGTON BY PRIME MINISTER ANKER JORGENSEN. BORCH REPORTED THAT PRIMIN VERY MUCH WANTED TO STOP IN WASHINGTON AFTER OFFICIALS VISITS TO VENEZUELA AND MEXICO, IN ORDER TO "CONTINUE DIALOGUE" BEGUN WITH PRESIDENT FORD IN BRUSSELS AND CONTINUED WITH SECRETARY IN HELSINKI. DANES REALIZED THAT TIME WAS TOO SHORT FOR AN OFFICIAL VISIT, AND, FURTHER-MORE POSSIBLE VISIT BY QUEEN NEXT SPRING MADE THIS UNLIKELY. A LATER DATE IN 1976 WOULD BE ALSO COMPLICATED BY US ELECTIONS.

2. BORCH REPORTED THAT STATE DEPT. REACTION HAD BEEN FAVORABLE TO THIS VISIT AND THAT TENTATIVE PLANS WERE BEING MADE FOR A VISIT ON NOVEMBER 11 AND 12. ALTERNATIVE DATES WOULD BE NOVEMBER 13 AND 14. IF WASHINGTON VISIT WORKS OUT, PRIMIN WOULD VISIT NEW YORK TO MEET DANISH DELEGATION TO UN AND FOR CALL ON SYG. NO SPEECH WOULD BE PLANNED AND IF WASHINGTON VISIT DOES NOT WORK OUT, NEW YORK VISIT WOULD PROBABLY BE DROPPED.

3. IN WASHINGTON, DANES HOPE THAT PRESIDENT WOULD RECEIVE PRIMIN FOR BRIEF VISIT AND THAT PERHAPS VICE PRESIDENT OR SECRETARY WOULD OFFER LUNCH. PRIMIN WOULD PROBABLY RETURN
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HOSPITALITY AT RESIDENCE OF DANISH AMBASSADOR.

4. COMMENT: WITHOUT KNOWING WHAT WAS SAID TO DANISH
EMBASSY BY DEPARTMENT, EMBASSY WOULD FEEL THAT BRIEF VISIT
BY JORGENSEN WOULD BE USEFUL. HIS DOMESTIC POSITION HAS
IMPROVED RECENTLY AND HE HAS SHOWN MORE SELF-CONFIDENCE.
ON THE OTHER HAND, HE IS STILL A BIT OVER HIS HEAD IN THE
FOREIGN FIELD AND FURTHER EXPOSURE TO HIGH US OFFICIALS COULD
BE VERY CONSTRUCTIVE.
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